Zucchini Cupcakes

3 eggs

1 ½ cups sugar

½ cup vegetable oil

½ cup orange juice

1 t almond extract

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour

2 t ground cinnamon

2 t baking powder

1 t baking soda

1 t salt

½ t ground cloves

1 ½ cups shredded zucchini

CARAMEL FROSTING:

1 cup packed brown sugar

½ cup butter or margarine

1/4 cup milk

1 t vanilla extract

1 ½ to 2 cups confectioner's sugar

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs, sugar, oil, orange juice and extract.

Combine dry ingredients- add to the egg mixture and mix well.

Add zucchini and mix well.

Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until cupcakes test done. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

For frosting, combine the brown sugar, butter and milk in a saucepan- bring to a boil over medium heat.

Cook and stir for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat; stir in vanilla.

Cool to lukewarm.

Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar until frosting reaches spreading consistency.

Frost cupcakes.

Yield 1-1/2 to 2 dozens.